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Assistant Director for Operations

6 January 1955

Chief, FBID

Progress Report for December 1954

OPERATIONS

1. The most important Radio Propaganda Reports issued during the month:

a. Examined differences in Soviet leaders' statements on national defense policy, and suggested a possible line-up of Presidium members on this issue. In some respects this Report anticipated Ambassador Bohlen's observations of 21 December about possible policy disputes over the priority of heavy industry.

b. Reviewed Soviet propaganda about the United States before and after 7 November 1954 to detect any conceivable effects of Ambassador Bohlen's complaint to Malenkov on that date. It found inconclusive signs of a go-slow in the narrow field of U.S. domestic affairs as presented to the Soviet audience.

c. Described foreign radio comment on the NATO discussions about authority to use nuclear weapons. These discussions offered the first opportunity to respond to an ONE request for assistance in assessing the effect on Western opinion of the coming of "atomic plenty."

2. With DD/I approval, a large volume of monitored Peking broadcast material relating to spy charges against Americans, initially limited in dissemination because of references to the Agency, was subsequently routinely given "Official Use Only" dissemination in response to wide consumer interest in this subject.

3. [redacted], Special Assistant for Intelligence to the DD/I, was briefed on FBID services. Several suggestions were given him concerning FBID support in his function as briefing officer for the DD/I. The future FBID wire for the Director will actually terminate in [redacted] office.

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4. HBC has reached agreement with Reuters for coverage of Tass Hellschrieber, but is negotiating with AP and UP to pass on to the latter services a portion of the increased cost of providing Tass Hellschrieber material. Coverage is expected to be resumed early in January.

5. FBID assistance to the Army in Korean prisoner of war court martial cases continued. Approximately 140 additional cases were received from G-2 for processing. This will considerably extend the FBID program of research and tape recording of POW broadcasts. Army also requested the presence of an FBID witness at the forthcoming trial of Major Eugent at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. This is being coordinated with the Office of the General Counsel.

6. Messrs. Striebert and Washburn, Director and Deputy Director of the United States Information Agency, briefly visited FBID headquarters on 23 December. They were shown the FBID wire facilities, and services to USIA were briefly discussed.

7. Several Voice of America officials and area desk chiefs were conducted to the East Coast Bureau on 10 December, where they were given an opportunity to listen to European Home Service Broadcasts. Their reaction was mixed and it was not clear whether FBID is likely to receive an actual request for transmission of live broadcasts to VOA headquarters, as previously suggested.

8. Coverage of broadcasts in the Kurmanji dialect of Kurdish, and in the Georgian language has been developed at the Mediterranean Bureau, in further extension of Central Asian monitoring.

#### FACILITIES

##### 9. Okinawa Construction:

a. Housing construction under project DBI - 156 - 54 is 47% complete.

b. The underground power line extension to the operations area is 75% complete. Electronic wiring in the new monitoring wing addition is in progress.

c. To permit third quarter obligation of funds, Okinawa Engineer District was asked to submit preliminary construction cost estimates for the next group of houses. The resultant rough total of \$302,000 is \$102,000 in excess of the budgeted amount based on cost of the FY 54 houses. With a view to providing adequate time for computation of more realistic costs, a recommendation was sent to the Comptroller that obligation of funds for this project be deferred to the fourth quarter of FY 55.

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d. Okinawa Bureau was authorized to expend \$1200 for site planning for the balance of the overall housing construction program. This will facilitate accurate construction cost estimates.

10. Saigon Bureau moved to the new Wong Yat Po Building in Saigon, along with USIA and embassy components.

11. [redacted], Chief Engineer, Okinawa Bureau will go to Bangkok about 1 February 1955 to conduct a survey leading to selection of a suitable site for an emergency monitoring operation.

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#### ADMINISTRATION

12. [redacted] of the Office of Personnel visited the FBID European and Cyprus stations on Agency career service matters. The opportunity to question [redacted] first hand was of considerable benefit to the field personnel. Bureau Chiefs also discussed the problem of career status for foreign national employees.

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13. After consideration of the Cyprus real estate tax with General Counsel and State Department officials, FBID concluded that the best course of action at this time is to pay the tax assessed against the FBIS, provided exemption from inspection of the station by tax authorities is granted. State Department was requested to ask the American Consul, Nicosia, to undertake negotiations with the Cyprus Government looking toward this solution of the problem.

14. On the basis of information from Saigon Bureau that STEM, a component of FOA in Saigon, had supplied radio monitoring facilities to the Vietnamese Government, a suggestion was made through the Special Assistant to the DC/I and OCB that future assistance to foreign governments in the establishment of radio monitoring facilities be coordinated with FBID. Although it subsequently developed that FOA Washington had no record of FOA having supplied monitoring equipment to the Vietnamese in this instance, FOA agreed to cooperate with FBID in the establishment of any future program of this nature.

15. The Deputy Chief, Radio Propaganda Branch, completed the first section of his analyst recruiting trip, which turned up at universities a gratifying number of high-calibre potential candidates. He will visit midwestern universities in January.

16. A foreign national monitor was transferred from the Mediterranean Bureau to the London Bureau to staff the Russian monitor position recently established in the London T/O, thus strengthening the support which London Bureau can render Radio Propaganda Branch.

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17. During the month one employee was separated and three entered on duty. The classified FBID on duty strength on 31 December 1954 was  four under ceiling.

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**Enclosures:**

- I - Field Bureau Production
- II - Personnel Supplement

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I. Daily Average of Field Bureau Production, December 1954  
Average Computed on Basis of 5-day Week.

FIELD BUREAU	HOURS MONITORED	WORDAGE FILED	ITEMS FILED	ITEMS PUBLISHED
Tokyo	23 3/4	8,900	24	21*
Hokkaido	13 1/2	11,520	115	115
Okinawa	103 3/4	25,900	159	77
Saigon	17	6,000*	23*	17*
West Coast	89	35,000	183	82
East Coast	145 1/2	20,600	122	46
London	260	65,000	110	70
Germany	20 2/3	9,750*	60*	40*
Austria	5	4,200*	15*	7*
Mediterranean	<u>81 1/2</u>	<u>25,100</u>	<u>226</u>	<u>50</u>
Totals	757 1/6	211,970	1,037	525

\*Includes press scrutiny.

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2. Personnel Entering on Duty

<u>Name, Title, Grade</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Date</u>	50X1
	East Coast Bureau	6 December 1954	
	Office of the Chief	19 December 1954	
	Editorial Branch	13 December 1954	

3. Promotions

<u>Name</u>	<u>Old Title, Grade</u> <u>Assignment</u>	<u>New Title, Grade</u> <u>Assignment</u>	<u>Date</u>	50X1
	Info Sp(Fgn Brdcast), GS-9 Tokyo Bureau	Info Sp(Fgn Brdcast), GS-11 Tokyo Bureau	5 December 1954	
	Intel Off.(Prop Anal),GS-12 London Bureau	Intel Off.(Prop Anal), GS-13 London Bureau	19 December 1954	
	Secretary(Steno), GS-5 Administrative Staff	Admin. Assistant, GS-6 Administrative Staff	5 December 1954	
	Teleg Typwr Opr., GS-5 Editorial Branch	Teleg Typwr Opr., GS-6 Editorial Branch	19 December 1954	
	Info Sp(Fgn Brdcast), GS-11 Editorial Branch	Info Sp(Fgn Brdcast), GS-12 Editorial Branch	19 December 1954	
	Info Sp(Fgn Brdcast), GS-7 Editorial Branch	Info Sp(Fgn Brdcast), GS-9 Editorial Branch	19 December 1954	

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4. Reassignments

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Old Title, Grade Assignment</u>	<u>New Title, Grade Assignment</u>	<u>Date</u>
<div></div>	Info Sp(Fgn Brdcast), GS-11 East Coast Bureau	Info Sp(Fgn Brdcast), GS-11 Editorial Branch	19 December 1954
	Info Sp(Fgn Brdcast), GS-11 Editorial Branch	Info Sp(Fgn Brdcast), GS-11 East Coast Bureau	19 December 1954
	Info Sp(Fgn Brdcast), GS-9 Editorial Branch	Info Sp(Fgn Brdcast), GS-9 Tokyo Bureau	15 December 1954
	Info Sp(Fgn Brdcast), GS-11 Mediterranean Bureau	Info Sp(Fgn Brdcast), GS-11 Editorial Branch	13 December 1954
	Elec. Engineer(Radio), GS-13 West Coast Bureau	Elec. Engineer(Radio), GS-13 Okinawa Bureau	17 December 1954
	Info Sp(Fgn Brdcast), GS-9 Editorial Branch	Info Sp(Fgn Brdcast), GS-9 Mediterranean Bureau	20 December 1954

5. Separations

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Title, Grade, Assignment</u>	<u>Date</u>
<div></div>	Clerk-Typist, GS-4 Editorial Branch	31 December 1954

6. OO Career Service Program

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a. Training Activities

<div></div>	Self-Study (Russian)	Internal
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The Russian Institute - Columbia University September 1953 - June 1955	External
Self-Study (Turkish)	Internal
Capitol Radio Engineering Institute Washington, D.C. March 1954 - March 1955	External
Capitol Radio Engineering Institute Washington, D.C. June 1954 - June 1957	External
Capitol Radio Engineering Institute Washington, D.C. July 1954 - January 1957	External
Capitol Radio Engineering Institute Washington, D.C. July 1954 - January 1957	External
Capitol Radio Engineering Institute Washington, D.C. July 1954 - January 1957	External
Tri-State College - Angola, Indiana 27 September 1954 - 26 August 1956	External
Elementary French Reading 21 September 1954 - 11 January 1955	Internal
American University 15 September 1954 - 30 January 1955	External
Foreign Service Institute 27 September - 31 December 1954	External

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